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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: TBIO, EG  
SUBJ: EPIDEMIC DISEASE, PRESUMABLY RIFT VALLEY FEVER

REF: CAIRO 18214

1. MIN. HEALTH TOLD SCIATT NOV.8, THAT "OUTBREAK" (WHICH HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY NAME) WAS FALLING OFF IN SHARKIA PROVINCE WITH CASES DOWN FROM "100/WK TO 2 OR 3/EK". OCCNRRENCES CONTINUING AT APPARENTLY HIGHER RATE IN GIZA. BADRAN SAID THAT INSECT SPRAYING FROM AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN STEPPED UP.

2. HE IS MTG. WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SOON TO DISCUSS EFFECTS ON ANIMALS. THERE REPORTEDLY MAY HAVE BEEN AN INCREASE IN SPONTANEOUS ABOTRIONS IN LIVESTOCK, BUT NO CERTAIN RISE IN MORTALITY OF ADULT ANIMALS. BADRAN SAYS THAT THERE ARE CONFLICTING STORIES. GOE HAS REQUESTED NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

3. NAMRU-E HAS TEAMS IN FIELD IN SHARKIA, THEIRINFORMATION IS THAT CASES AT STATIONS CHECKED ARE NOW RUNNING ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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10-15/DAY VS FORMER RATES AS HIGH AS 200/DAY. ANECDOTAL ESTIMATES OF TOTAL CASES VARY FROM "2000 TO 700,000". ACTUAL FIGURE ALMOST CERTAINLY IN EXCESS OF 10,000, BUT PROBABLY DOESN'T APPROACH HIGH ESTIMATE. NAMRU OPINION IS THAT DISEASE, WHICH THEY IDENTIFY WITH "98 PERCENT" SURETY AS RIFT VALLEY FEVER IS DIMINISHING IN SHARKIA, BUT DIFFUSING OUTWARD.

4. MIN. BADRAN IS ALSO REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING LIMITING AND STRICTLY CONTROLLING MOVEMENT OF SHEEP AND CATTLE THROUGH CAIRO AREA DURING FOUR DAY AID AL-ADHA HOLIDAY WK OF NOV MWQN BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED TRANSMISSION OF VIRUS FROM AFFECTED ANIMALS TO MOSQUITOS AND TO MAN. IF THIS STEP IS TAKEN IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID PUBLICITY AND QUESTIONS ABOUT DISEASE. FYI PRESS HAS CARRIED ALMOST NOTHING IN RECENT DAYS DESPITE CONTINUANCE OF OUTBREAK. END FYI. ALSO IF RESTRICTIONS RESULT IN LESSENERED AVAILABILITY OF MEAT DURING THIS MAJOR ISLAMIC FEAST, BADRAN COULD LOSE IN POPULARITY.

5. ACCORDING TO MINISTER, CHOLERA REPORT REMAINS NEGATIVE.  
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